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In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: NOVEL HUMAN MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN

Serial No.: 09/208,619

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2000 (Office Action), the 2-month date being February 15, 2000, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims **2-10** without prejudice.

Please amend claims **17** and **32** as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, the non-amended pending claims are also listed below.

17. (Twice Amended.) A purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence